areas which were formerly meant for the public sector have been privatised or are in the process of being privatised. In view of this, does the hon. Minister hold the view that the demands of the public sector workers are unfounded?

PROF. K. K. TEWARY: Sir, Government considers that the strike launched, resorted to by the public sector....

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I am not talking about the strike. I am talking about their demands. He has given the answer about the demands and when he gives the answer, he should be careful about it.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY: I have been very careful about the words and expressions that I have used in my reply. Sir, the demands....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are a professor ....Both are professors.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: They are more detailed.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: I am a professor by right.

PROF. K. K. TEWARY: The hon. Member knows that there is a machinery for negotiation and the Government, as such, does not come into the picture when wage negotiations take place. It is the individual PSUs which come into the picture and the demands of employees are always presented.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Increase in production of HMT watches

*65. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether HMT is expected to increase the output of its watches and if so, what are the details of its expansion plans; and

(b) whether Titan Watch, a joint sector project of Karnataka Government and Tatas is also entering into a collaboration agreement for production of Casio Watches in India and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) As against a production of 45.34 lakh watches in 1985-86, HMT plans to increase its watch production as follows:—

Year	Annual estimated Production (Nos. in lakhs)
1986-87 . . .	50.00
1987-88 . . .	60.00
1988-89 . . .	61.80
1989-90 . . .	61.80

(b) Tht Departments of Electronics and Industrial Development have not received any proposal from M/s. Titan Watches Ltd., for entering into a collaboration agreement for manufacture of Casio Watches in India.

Withdrawing concession on white cement

*66. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had received any representation from cement manufacturers requesting it to recommend to the Finance Ministry for withdrawal of the concessions in customs duty of cement in view of the comfortable production and supply position in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) In terms of Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue Notification dated 28th February 1982, a con-